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For: NETWORK RELAY DEVICE, NETWORK  
RELAY PROGRAM, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM CONTAINING THE NETWORK  
RELAY PROGRAM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.